

beautiful and well-informed women and cultivated men; this is the Santiago of the present day. Dressed in the latest European fashions, the travelers are equally so, and carrying off with real ties, which give rather a picturesque air to the city, these very thick walls, and but few windows, their utility answering both purposes of security and ornament. Among the more prominent of the buildings, we find the grand cathedral, constructed of granite, with a front of 350 feet, and is quite an imposing structure; within, it is exceedingly damp and gloomy, and the interior is very dark. The choir is very striking. The music is, however, fine, an English organ of exquisite tone having recently been erected, and as there are some good voices in the choir, the chants and symphonies are of but little consequence. The cathedral is a prominent building, in the Grecian style; the ceiling is now down through the agency of steam; the building is partly occupied by the President and also by the State offices. The churches and convents boast of but few interesting objects worthy of notice. The city is divided into the Dominical, Mercaderías, Agustines, Franciscans, &c. A pleasant town is this, truly, with its splendid public squares—its beautiful shrubbery, so